

# Bottom Mounted Instrument Penetration Tube Condition Update



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# **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

**Mark McBurnett**  
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# Agenda

Introductory Remarks

Mark McBurnett

Progress Summary

Tom Jordan

NDE Activities

Michael Lashley

Cause Analysis and Status

Steve Thomas

Repair Plan

Steve Thomas

Corrosion Assessment

Rick Gangluff

Concluding Remarks

Mark McBurnett

# Desired Meeting Outcomes

- NDE results and cause analysis are understood
- Future NDE and testing is understood
- Supporting analyses and schedule are understood
- Documents provided for submittal and inspection are understood
- Future NRC / STP meetings are identified
- NRC questions and needs are clearly understood

# **PROGRESS SUMMARY**

**Tom Jordan  
Vice President,  
Engineering & Technical Services**

# Summary

Found residue on two BMI penetrations on April 12

~150 mg of residue on Penetration #1

~ 3 mg of residue on Penetration #46



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# Penetration #1



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# Penetration #46



# Efforts to Date

- Completed inside vessel NDE
- Selected vendor; commenced design and preparations for half-nozzle repair
- Established cause investigation team using EPRI MRP FMEA technique
- Continuing with activities under the vessel

# Overview of NDE Results

- UT and ECT revealed small axial cracks in #1 and #46, which confirmed leakage path
- No cracks found in other penetration tubes
- No surface breaking indication in any J-groove weld

# Planned Activities

- Additional inspection
- Design and repair activities
- Sample removal and analysis
- NRC review
- Cause analysis

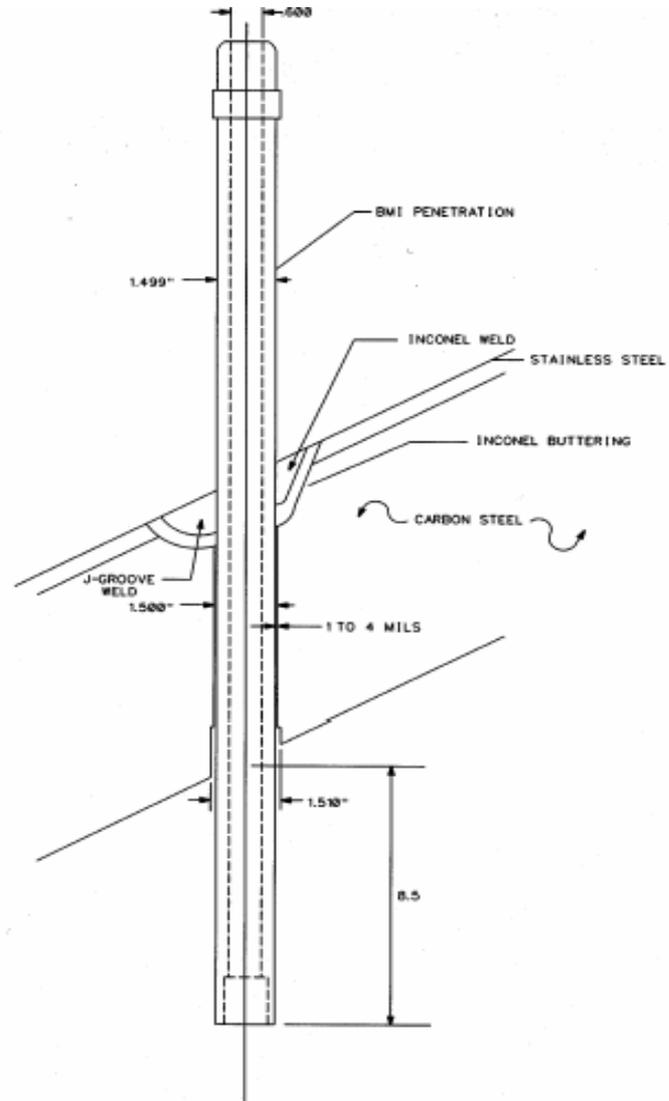
# Key Points

- Careful, deliberate process
- NDE campaign successful
- Condition / repair scope known
- Repairs enable safe return to operation
- Close cooperation with industry and NRC on cause analysis

# **NDE ACTIVITIES**

**Michael Lashley**  
**Test Engineering Supervisor**

# BMI Guide Tube Penetration



# Base Inspections Scope

- Penetration 1 & 46
  - UT from penetration tube ID
  - Enhanced visual exam of J-groove weld surface
  - Volumetrically interrogate vessel base metal for wastage
- Remaining penetrations
  - UT from the penetration tube ID
  - Enhanced visual exam of J-groove weld surface

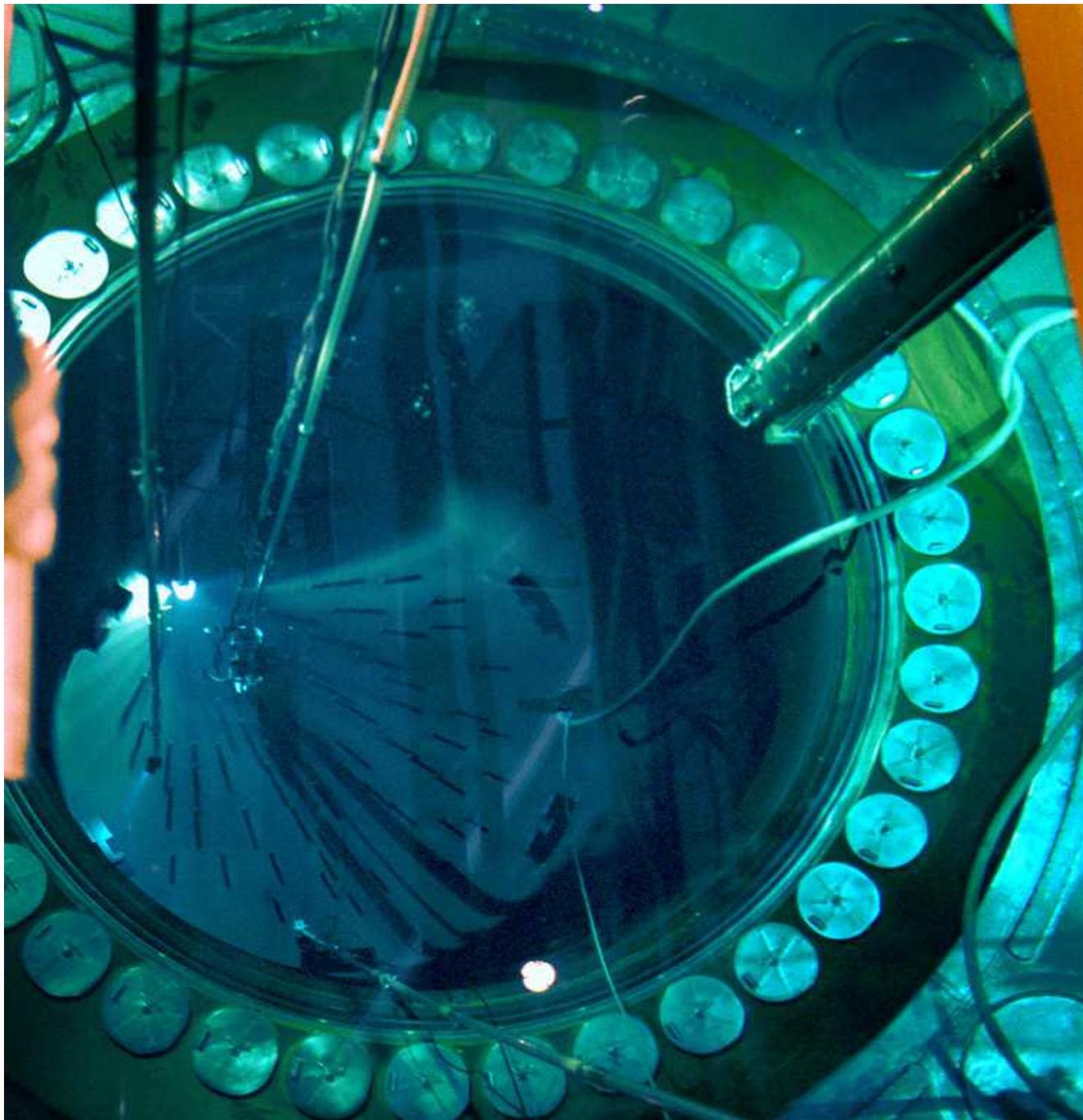
# STP BMI Approach follows EPRI MRP CRDM Approach

- Define NDE objectives
  - Identify relevant flaw mechanisms
  - Define inspection locations and volumes
  - Define range of flaws to address
- Mockup design and procurement
- Demonstration protocol and schedule
  - Non-blind / blind
  - Detection / sizing / location
  - False calls



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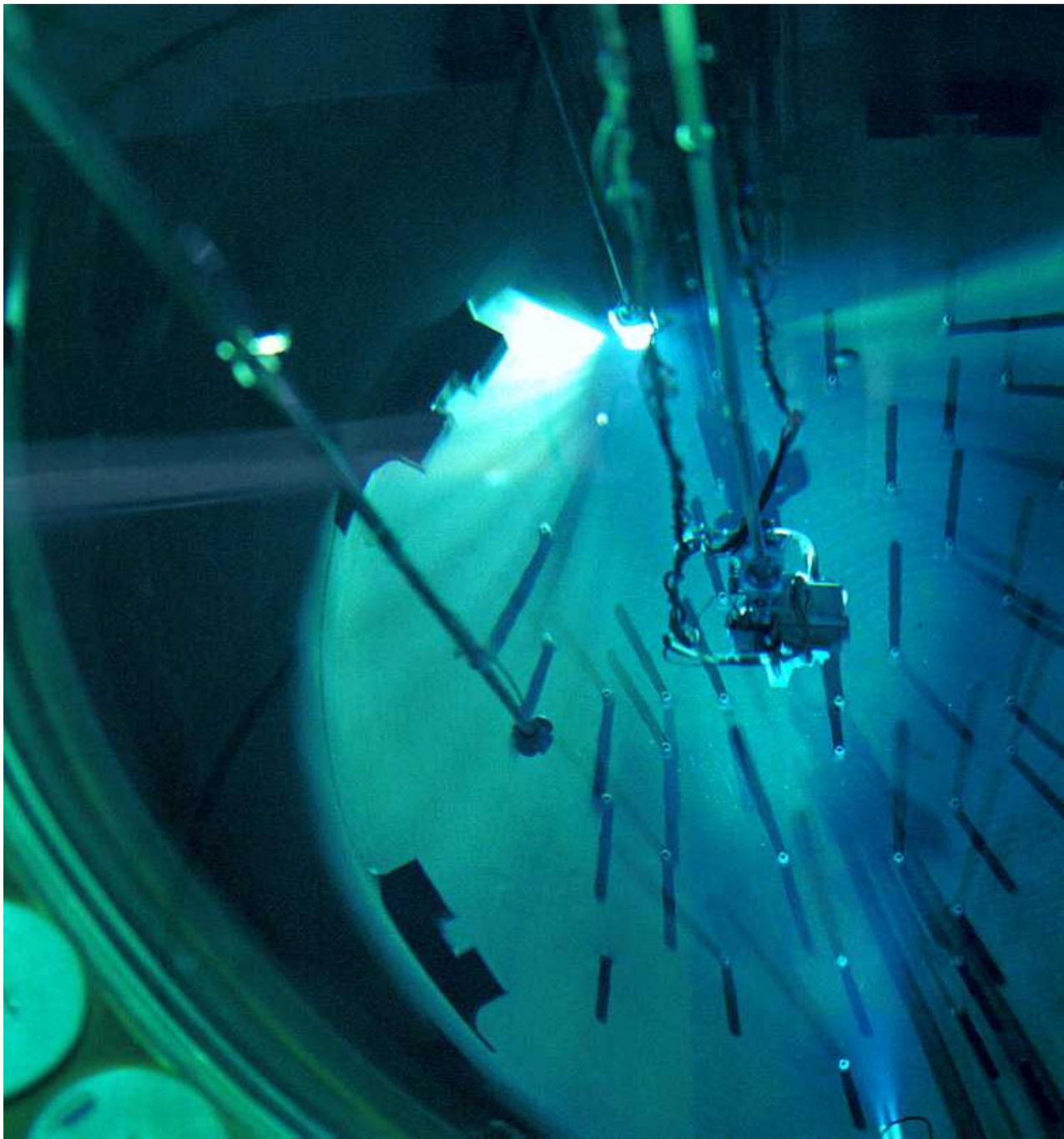
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# Confirmatory Inspection Scope

- Penetration 1 & 46
  - ET from penetration tube ID
  - ET of J-groove weld surface
- Remaining penetrations
  - ET from the penetration tube ID of two other penetrations (2 & 6)
  - ET of J-groove weld surface of six other penetrations (9, 12, 33, 34, 38 & 41)

# Activities April 21 – May 26

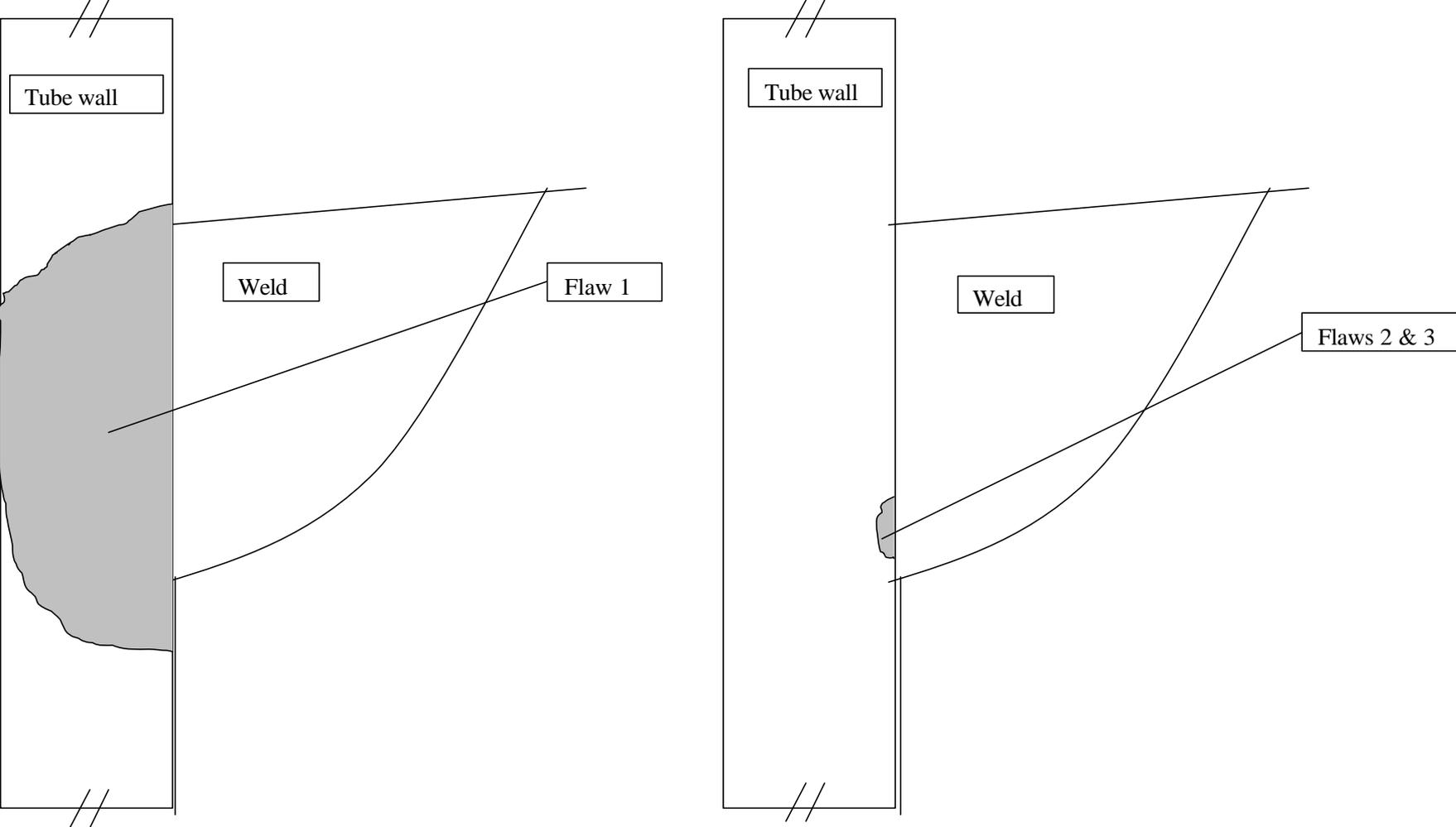
- Mockup fabrication (CIP samples & full scale mockup)
- NRC presentation
- Demonstration / vendor selection
- Demonstration / equipment checkout
- Base scope inspections
- Confirmatory Inspections

Demonstrations, base scope inspections, and confirmatory inspections were witnessed by NRC Inspection Team

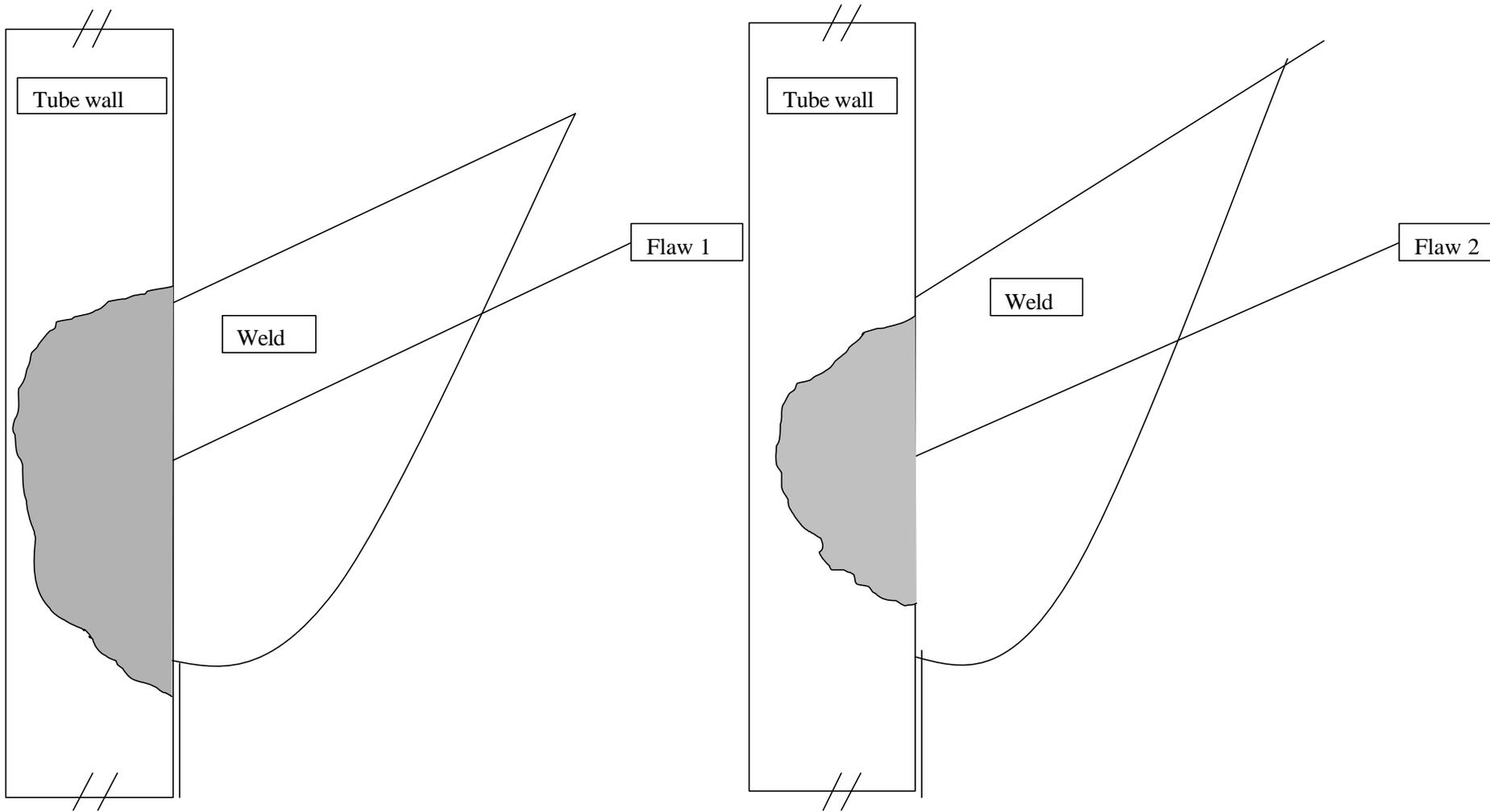
# Summary of Results

- Penetration #1
  - Three axial indications, one leak path
  - No crack-like indications on J-Groove weld
  - Visual grinding marks in side of tube
- Penetration #46
  - Two axial indications, one leak path
  - No crack-like indications on J-Groove weld

# Penetration #1



# Penetration #46



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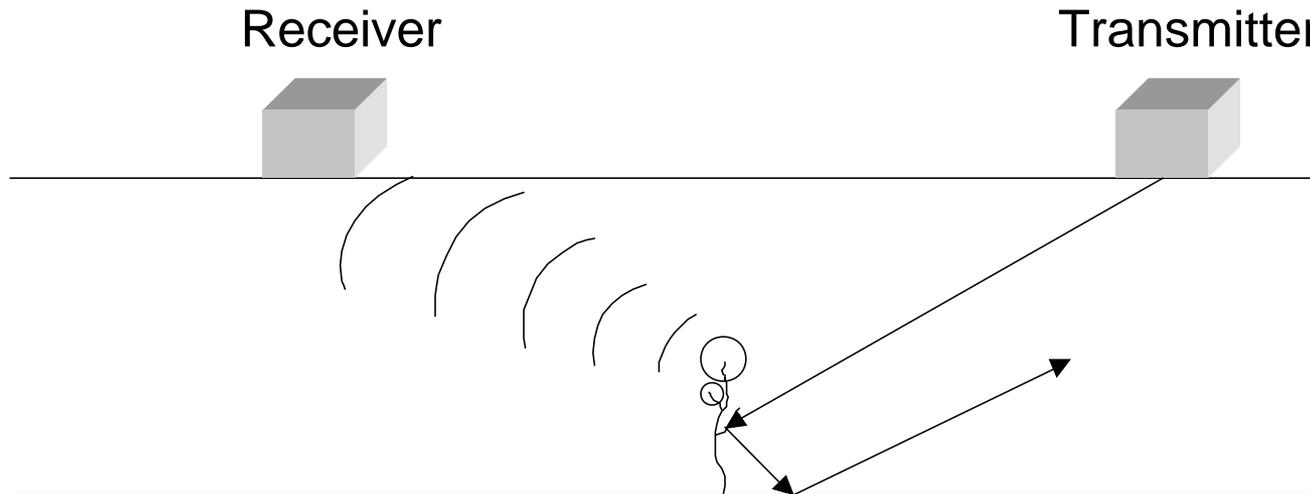
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# UT Examination Probes



- Circumferential probe
- Axial probe
- 0-degree mapping

# Time of Flight Diffracted (TOFD)



**Low-amplitude, secondary wave generated by excitation of flaw**

# TOFD

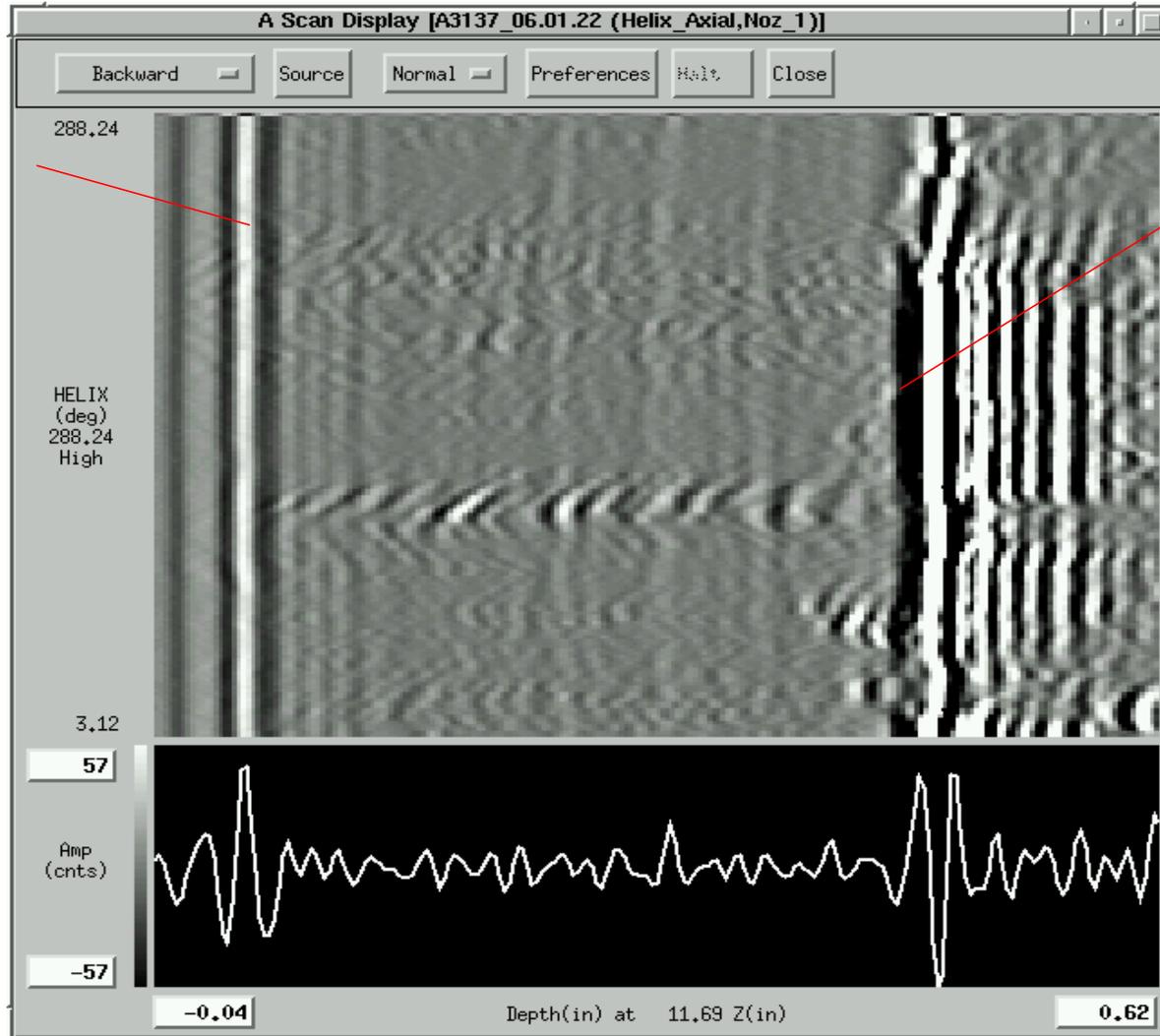


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# Penetration #1 Axial Probe

Tube ID

Tube OD



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